



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

### REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH NORTHRUP GRUMMAN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, INC.

This memo provides advance notification to your Honorable Board that the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) intends to enter into negotiations with Northrop Grumman Information Technology, Inc. (Northrop Grumman) for the continuation of existing professional services for the District's 24/7 emergency response 9-1-1 Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) system.

Under the proposed contract, Northrop Grumman will continue to provide professional services to ensure an optimal system and operational environment for the District's 9-1-1 CAD system. The highly specialized services are required to ensure continuous, uninterrupted 9-1-1 CAD operations, directly impacting the health and safety of County residents as well as firefighters and paramedics. The proposed contract term shall be for a period of three (3) years. The District shall have the sole and exclusive option to extend the contract term for two (2) one-year periods and additional twelve (12) month-to-month extensions for a maximum contract term of six (6) years. Renewal options will be at the sole discretion of the Fire Chief or his authorized designee.

The 9-1-1 CAD system is proprietary to Northrop Grumman, and Northrop Grumman warrants their products to perform at a specified level. Any modification to their software by persons/entities other than their staff or designated subcontractors will invalidate the warranty and performance assurances stipulated in the maintenance agreement.

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The 9-1-1 CAD system requires technical oversight and maintenance on a 24-hour basis, including specialized professional support and replacement of hardware components on an as-needed, but immediate basis. The 9-1-1 CAD system operates from the District's Fire Command and Control Facility and interfaces with remotely located microwave, voice, and digital radio signal repeaters to provide Countywide emergency dispatch communications. The 9-1-1 CAD system also interfaces with the District's Record Management System (also known as NFIRS).

Please be aware that the current contract with Northrup Grumman expires on December 31, 2014.

Per the requirements for the sole source contracts of \$250,000 or greater, the District will proceed with negotiating the contract within two (2) weeks unless otherwise instructed by your Board.

If you have any questions please contact me at (323) 881-6180, or your staff may contact Deputy Chief Dawnna B. Lawrence at (323) 881-2426.

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